



ABC Update November 2011

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Kentucky Awarded FDA Contract to Enforce Provisions of Tobacco Control Act

The Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has been awarded a \$428,278 contract by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to enforce provisions of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009. Under the law, tobacco retailers will be inspected to ensure they are complying with new marketing and sales standards. The FDA contract is awarded on an annual basis.

The Tobacco Control Act seeks to prevent and reduce tobacco use by young people by enforcing the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products. The Act also prohibits false or misleading labeling and advertising for tobacco products, and gives authority to FDA to enforce all the provisions of this law.

“Our investigators are trained and experienced in tobacco inspections due to our work in tobacco compliance checks,” said ABC Commissioner Tony Dehner. “The transition to conduct these FDA checks will be smooth and fit well within our overall priority to ensure compliant sales of tobacco in Kentucky.”

Statistics from the American Lung Association indicate each day, almost 3,900 children, nationally, under 18 years of age try their first cigarette, and more than 950 of them will become new, regular daily smokers.

Under the contract, ABC investigators conduct undercover buys, as well as advertising and labeling tobacco inspections, each month in accordance with the FDA Tobacco Compliance Check contract. The results of the inspections are documented and are provided to the state program coordinator to ensure the checks are in compliance according to the provisions of the contract. Any non-compliance reported will be handled through hearings conducted by the FDA, and sanctions will be imposed on violators.

Kentucky ABC will begin the inspections and undercover buys this fall. Approximately 250 retailers will be inspected per month.

Upcoming Local Option Elections and Recent Results



Five cities held local option elections on October 4 and all passed.

- Junction City
- Elizabethtown
- Radcliff
- Vine Grove
- Guthrie

Two local option elections will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Residents of New Castle in Henry County will vote on limited restaurant by the drink sales, and Glasgow Middle School Precinct residents will vote on the sale of wine at a small farm winery, Green Palace Meadery.

S.T.A.R. Training Dates

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four hours. **Keep up with class changes and additions at <http://abc.ky.gov>.**



Class Location	City	Date	Time
Cigar Factory Mall	Owensboro	11/14/2011	9:00AM
KY Alcoholic Beverage Control	Frankfort	11/14/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	11/19/2011	9:00AM
Kentucky River ADD/Perry Park	Hazard	11/21/2011	9:00AM
Jefferson Co. Co-Op Ext Office	Louisville	11/22/2011	6:00PM
Pritchard Community Center	Elizabethtown	11/28/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	11/29/2011	5:00PM
Florence Government Center	Florence	11/29/2011	9:00AM
Curris Center	Murray	12/04/2011	12:30PM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	12/06/2011	9:00AM
Holiday Inn Express	Louisville	12/06/2011	9:00AM
Cigar Factory Mall	Owensboro	12/12/2011	5:00PM
Alcoholic Beverage Control	Frankfort	12/12/2011	5:00PM
Jefferson County Co-Op	Louisville	12/13/2011	6:00PM
Health and Civic Center	Mt. Sterling	12/13/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	12/17/2011	9:00AM
Fairfield Inn	Hopkinsville	12/19/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	12/20/2011	5:00PM
Jenny Wiley SRP	Prestonsburg	12/20/2011	9:00AM